CCRB INVESTIGATIVE RECOMMENDATION

Investigator:		Team:	CCRB Case #:		Force	<u> </u>	Discourt.	
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Jonathan Hutchinson		Team # 1	200904585		Abuse		O.L.	☐ Injury
Incident Date(s)		Location of Incident:		I	Precinct:	18	Mo. SOL	EO SOL
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Complainant/Victim	Type	Home Addre	ess					
Subject Officer(s)	Shield	TaxID	Command					
1. Officers			043 PCT					
2. POM Joseph Parchen	01651	937246	043 PCT					
3. POM Miguel Iglesias	15012	941926	043 PCT					
4. POM Nathaniel Anthony	03172	923516	043 PCT					
5. SGT John Costello	02234	922168	043 PCT					
6. An officer			043 PCT					
Witness Officer(s)	Shield N	o Tax No	Cmd Name					
1. POM Nicolas Dipardo	30151	925200	043 PCT					
2. POM Michael Cuadra	03492	923718	043 PCT					
3. POM Edgar Mercado	11346	939024	043 PCT					
Officer(s)	Allegatio	on			Inve	stiga	ator Recon	nmendation
A.POM Nathaniel Anthony	Avenue i	the vicinity of Lacombe n the Bronx, PO Nathan inst \$87(2)(b)						
B.POM Joseph Parchen		the vicinity of Lacombe n the Bronx, PO Joseph ^{37(2)(b)}						
C.POM Miguel Iglesias		the vicinity of Lacombe n the Bronx, PO Miguel						
D. An officer		the vicinity of Lacombe n the Bronx, an officer u						
E.SGT John Costello	Avenue i stationho	n the vicinity of Lacomb n the Bronx and inside t use, Sgt. John Costello o t for § 87(2)(b)	he 43rd Precinct		ence			

Officer(s)	Allegation	Investigator Recommendation
F.POM Nathaniel Anthony	Abuse: In the vicinity of Lacombe Avenue and St. Lawrence Avenue in the Bronx, PO Nathaniel Anthony threatened with the use of force.	
G.POM Nathaniel Anthony	Abuse: In the vicinity of Lacombe Avenue and St. Lawrence Avenue in the Bronx, PO Nathaniel Anthony threatened with the use of force.	
H. Officers	Discourtesy: In the vicinity of Lacombe Avenue and St. Lawrence Avenue in the Bronx and en route to the 43rd Precinct stationhouse, officers spoke obscenely and/or rudely to \$\frac{837(2)(b)}{2}\$	
I.SGT John Costello	Abuse: Inside the 43rd Precinct stationhouse, Sgt. John Costello authorized the strip-search of \$87(2)(b) and \$87(2)(b)	
J.SGT John Costello	Abuse: Inside the 43rd Precinct stationhouse, Sgt. John Costello authorized the strip-search of § 87(2)(b)	

Case Summary On March 25, 2009, § 87(2)(b) of the law offices of Morton §87(2)(b) P.C., located at 108-18 Queens Boulevard in Queens, filed the following complaint with the CCRB by mail, on behalf of his client, § 87(2)(b) a resident of § 87(2)(b) in the Bronx, and two of § 87(2)(b) s friends, § 87(2)(b) a resident of § 87(2)(b) in the Bronx, and § 87(2)(b) a resident of § 87(2)(b) in the Bronx. On February 26, 2009, at approximately 1:00 pm, officers arrested § 87(2)(b) near the intersection of St. Lawrence Avenue and Lacombe Avenue in the Bronx, resulting in the following allegations. Allegation A – Force: In the vicinity of Lacombe Avenue and St. Lawrence Avenue in the Bronx, PO Nathaniel Anthony used physical force against § 87(2)(b) Allegation B – Force: In the vicinity of Lacombe Avenue and St. Lawrence Avenue in the Bronx, PO Joseph Parchen used physical force against § 87(2)(b) Allegation C – Force: In the vicinity of Lacombe Avenue and St. Lawrence Avenue in the Bronx, PO Miguel Iglesias used physical force against § 87(2)(b) Allegation I – Abuse of Authority: Inside the 43rd Precinct stationhouse, Sgt. John Costello authorized the strip-search of § 87(2)(b) and § 87(2)(b) § 87(2)(g) **Allegation D – Force:** In the vicinity of Lacombe Avenue and St. Lawrence Avenue in the Bronx, an officer used a chokehold against § 87(2)(b) <u>Allegation H – Discourtesy:</u> In the vicinity of Lacombe Avenue and St. Lawrence Avenue in the Bronx and en route to the 43rd Precinct stationhouse, officers spoke obscenely and/or rudely to § 87(2)(g) Allegation E – Abuse of Authority: In the vicinity of Lacombe Avenue and St. Lawrence Avenue in the Bronx and inside the 43rd Precinct stationhouse, Sgt. John Costello refused to provide medical treatment for § 87(2)(b) Allegation F – Abuse of Authority: In the vicinity of Lacombe Avenue and St. Lawrence Avenue in the Bronx, PO Nathaniel Anthony threatened § 87(2)(b) with the use of force. § 87(2)(g) **Allegation G – Abuse of Authority:** In the vicinity of Lacombe Avenue and St. Lawrence Avenue in the Bronx, PO Nathaniel Anthony threatened § 37(2)(b) with the use of force. Allegation J – Abuse of Authority: Sgt. John Costello authorized the strip-search of [887(2)]

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§ 87(2)(g)
Results of Investigation

<u>Civilian Statement(s)</u>
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<u>Victim:</u> § 87(2)(b) -year-old Caucasian male, standing five feet, nine inches tall, weighing
two-hundred-ten pounds, with brown hair and hazel eyes. \$87(2)(b)
CCRB Testimony
was interviewed at the CCRB on April 8, 2009 in the presence of his attorney,
(encl. 11a-11g). § 87(2)(b) s CCRB statement was consistent with that
provided by \$87(2)(b) in his initial intake narrative (encl. 10a-10c). On February 26, 2009, at
approximately 1:00 pm, \$87(2)(b) had concluded a session of a methadone program at \$87(2)(b)
As \$87(2)(b) was walking toward a bus stop, he saw
and said hello to an individual from the program, identified as \$87(2)(b) who asked
§ 87(2)(b) if he wanted to take a walk with him to meet a mutual friend, identified as § 87(2)(b) who also attends the program. The two men walked down the block and met § 87(2)(b)
near his residence. §87(2)(b) stated that he was going to the program and §
replied that he was going to walk toward the bus stop. The three individuals walked a
block or two further and turned left to approach the bus stop.
Out of the corner of his eye, § 87(2)(b) saw a green minivan with a sliding side door screech to a
stop behind him and to his right. §87(2)(b) said that he saw the van pull up almost directly
around the block from \$87(2)(b) , "almost like doing a U." \$87(2)(b)
was not sure what intersection he was at when he saw the van. §87(2)(b) heard someone yell something to his left, so he turned in that direction and saw a police officer in plainclothes, PO1 ¹ ,
identified by the investigation as PO Joseph Parchen of the 43 rd Precinct, running towards him.
PO Parchen reached out and grabbed \$87(2)(b) somewhere on his upper body, but \$87(2)(b)
did not fall to the ground at this point. He was approached by four or five additional officers in
plainclothes who exited the van and jumped on him. [887(2)(5)] was later informed by his two friends that there was another officer standing nearby during the physical altercation, who they
believed to be a supervisor. §87(2)(b) was not sure how his friends knew this. The supervising
officer did not come from the van, but had rather walked from up the block. §87(2)(b) did not
know where the officer who initially grabbed him came from.
repeatedly stated that everything happened very quickly. The officers did not identify
themselves, and he therefore initially thought he was being jumped. The officers from the van
punched grabbed him by the throat with one of his hands, and punched him in the
did not get a close look at PO Parchen but described him as a Caucasian or Hispanic male officer in his late-thirties or early-forties, standing approximately five feet, eight inches tall, weighing
approximately one-hundred-eighty pounds, and dressed in plainclothes.

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ribs. Someone was grabbing his arm and trying to bend it backwards. Someone was grabbing his arm and trying to bend it backwards. Someone was pushed to the ground and was kicked in the ribs and punched in the body and head, while an officer continued to choke him by leaning on his throat with his forearm. Throughout the course of the physical altercation, sold that he was "grabbed" by the throat by at least two officers. Sold that officers grabbed his throat with their hands and that an officer also used his forearm to restrict his air supply. He felt like he was passing out and thought he was going to die.

stated that he had been afraid for his life and did not therefore pay close attention to what each of the officers looked like. Str(2)(b) did recall that one of the officers, PO2², identified by the investigation as PO Nathaniel Anthony of the 43rd Precinct, was an African-American male officer. His arms were twisted behind his back and he felt handcuffs being affixed to his wrists. He was punched and kicked more, and PO Anthony punched him in the face. Two of the other officers, PO3 and PO4³, also struck him. The officers stopped hitting him and he felt blood on his face, and felt that he was covered in dirt and sweat. He tried to catch his breath while he was on the ground. At this point, Str(2)(b) had a lot of trouble breathing and he tried to say, "I can't breathe." The officers picked him up and began to push him in to the van. He again said that he could not breathe and that he needed to go to the hospital. PO3, who str(2)(c) believed to be his arresting officer, PO Nicolas DiPardo of the 43rd Precinct, said, "Shut the fuck up and just get in the van."

During the physical altercation, the officers told \$87(2)(b) and \$37(2)(b) and \$17(2)(b) and \$17(2)(

They went to the 43rd Precinct stationhouse and stationhouse and stationhouse asked what he was being charged with. The officers would not tell him. stationhouse again told the officers that he could not breathe and that he wanted to go to the hospital. At this point, the other two individuals were strip-

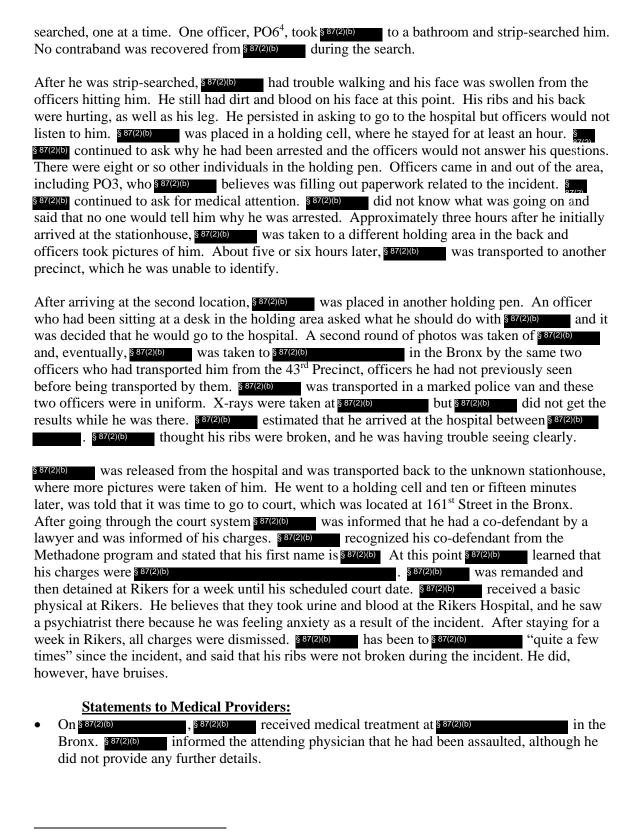
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² §87(2)(b) identified PO Anthony as the officer who was standing to his right when the officers initially approached, surrounded, and began to beat him. He described the officer as an African-American male officer in his mid-forties, standing approximately six feet, three inches tall, weighing approximately two-hundred-fifty pounds, with a short haircut and wearing a mustache. The officer was dressed in plainclothes.

identified PO3 as his arresting officer, PO DiPardo, with a low degree of certainty, and did not confirm how he obtained such information. He described PO3 as a Caucasian male officer in his early-thirties, standing approximately five feet, nine inches tall, weighing approximately one-hundred-eighty pounds, with short brown hair, brown eyes, and a clean-shaven appearance. PO3 was dressed in plainclothes.

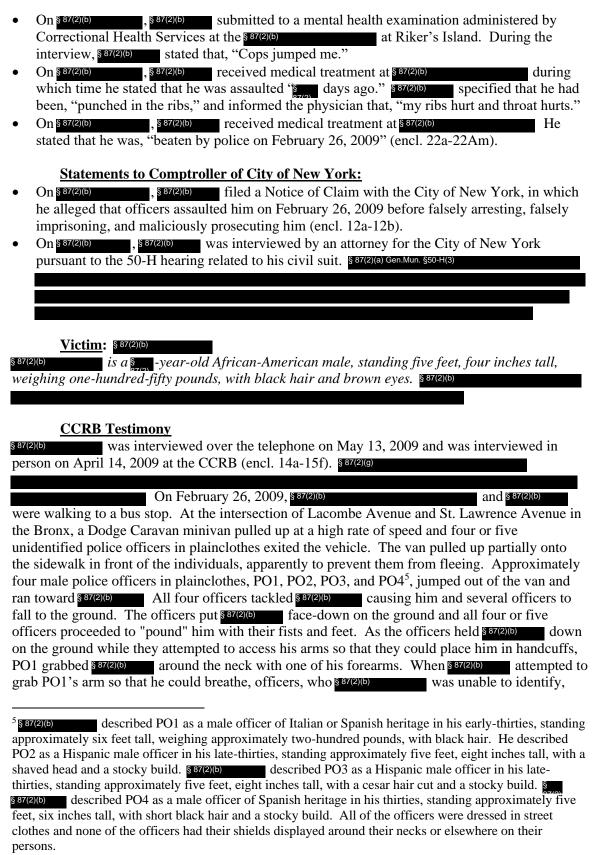
887(2)(b) Later observed PO DiPardo's name on his arrest paperwork and believes that he witnessed PO DiPardo filling out the paperwork.

887(2)(b) Later observed PO DiPardo described PO4 as a Caucasian male officer, standing approximately five feet, ten inches tall, weighing approximately two-hundred-ten pounds, with dark hair, dark eyes, and a muscular build. PO4 was dressed in plainclothes.



⁴ § 87(2)(b) was unable to provide a physical description of PO6 but stated that he may or may not have been present on the scene during the incident near Commonwealth Avenue and Randall Avenue.

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At some point shortly after the van pulled onto the sidewalk, another van, later identified as an unmarked police vehicle, drove southbound on St. Lawrence Avenue and pulled up to the intersection. §87(2)(b) could not recall which van each of the officers had been riding in but recalled that PO56, identified by the investigation as PO Anthony, had come from the second van. PO Anthony approached § 87(2)(b) and § 87(2)(b) and said, "Get on the fucking floor or I'll punch you in the fucking stomach. I'm going to kick you in the face." Both individuals lay down on the ground on their stomachs and an officer placed each of them in identified PO3 as the officer who told \$87(2)(b) to, "Shut the fuck up," while en route to the 43rd Precinct stationhouse. **Attempts to Contact Civilians** The investigation exhausted attempts to contact \$87(2)(b) identified as a victim in the above complaint by \$87(2)(b) The first please call letter was mailed to \$87(2)(b) and a saddress on May 13, 2009. Neither \$87(2)(b) nor \$87(2)(b) was able to provide a telephone and searches of the 411 directory, the 411 reverse address directory, number for § 87(2)(b) the COLE directory, and the Lexis Nexis database returned negative results. On July 29, 2009, the undersigned investigator contacted \$87(2)(b) and arranged for an in-person interview to and § 87(2)(b) be conducted with § 87(2)(b) at a neutral location near their residences on July 31, 2009. On July 31, 2009, neither § 87(2)(b) nor § 87(2)(b) appeared for their scheduled interview appointment. On the same date, a final please call letter was left in the s residence. To date, no letters mailed to or left at \$87(2)(b) address have been returned to the CCRB by the US Postal Service. A search of the Department of Correction inmate database confirmed that \$87(2)(b) is not currently incarcerated in the City of New York. NYPD Statement(s) **Subject Officer: PO NATHANIEL ANTHONY** PO Anthony is a \$87(2)(b) -year-old Hispanic male officer, standing six feet tall, weighing twohundred-thirty-five pounds, with black hair and brown eyes. He is a ten-year veteran of the NYPD. On February 26, 2009, PO Anthony worked from 8:00 am to 4:35 pm, on a SNEU assignment within the confines of the 43rd Precinct. PO Anthony was assigned to an observation post with PO Michael Cuadra and PO Miguel Iglesias, both of the 43rd Precinct. All three officers were dressed in plainclothes and were assigned to an unmarked vehicle of unknown make, model, color, and number. PO Anthony's memo book did not contain any relevant entries concerning the below incident. **CCRB Testimony:** PO Nathaniel Anthony of the 43rd Precinct was interviewed at the CCRB on September 9, 2009 (encl. 18a-18d). At approximately 1:00 pm on February 26, 2009, PO Anthony observed three individuals who he recognized as having been arrested for narcotics violations in the past and

kicked him, punched him, and pulled his arms toward his back. \$87(2) repeatedly yelled, "I

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described PO5 as an African-American male officer in his late-thirties, standing approximately six feet, nine inches tall, weighing approximately three-hundred pounds, with a fade and a

and § 87(2)(b)

stated that PO5 was dressed in plainclothes and that he appeared to be the

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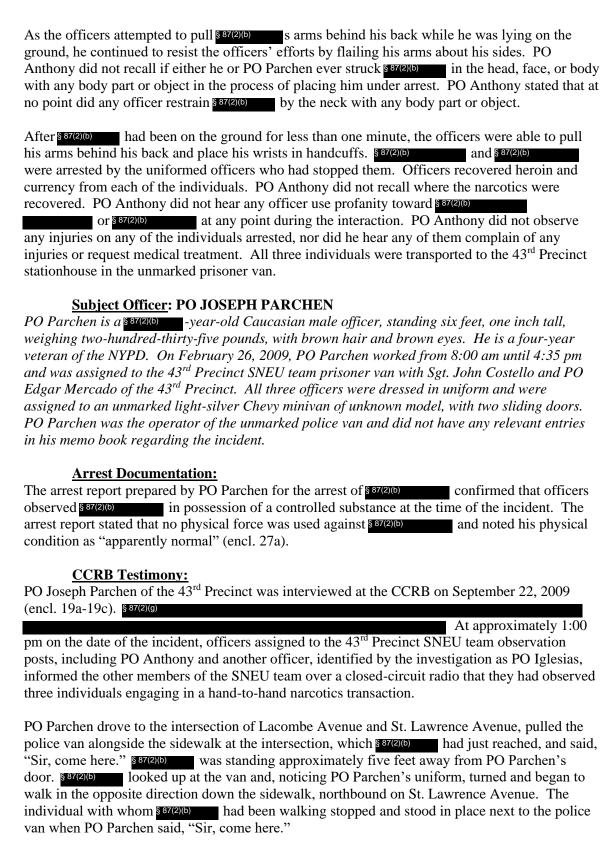
muscular build. § 87(2)(b)

supervising officer at the location.

who were later identified as § 87(2)(b)

can't breathe."

conversing in front of the front gate to the Academy Gardens housing development, an eightbuilding complex, located at the intersection of Lacombe Avenue and Commonwealth Avenue in the Bronx. PO Anthony observed the three individuals exchange currency before being approached by a fourth individual, later identified by the investigation as § 87(2)(b) PO Anthony observed § 87(2)(b) hand § 87(2)(b) an unknown amount of cash and then observed the individual walk into the Academy Gardens complex. Approximately one minute later, PO Anthony observed the individual exit the housing complex, approach §87(2)(b) begin walking away from the complex with §87(2)(b) and § 87(2)(b) and § 87(2)(b) were walking together, PO Anthony observed § 87(2)(b) several small objects. After the individual handed § 87(2)(b) the objects, he turned and walked northbound on Commonwealth Avenue. § 87(2)(b) and § walked away eastbound on Lacombe Avenue. PO Anthony observed § 87(2)(b) hand § 87(2)(b) and § 87(2)(b) several of the small objects he had received from \$87(2)(b) Since, based on his experience and training, PO Anthony interpreted the exchange to constitute a narcotics transaction, he provided the other members of the 43rd Precinct SNEU team with the physical descriptions of [8.87(2)(b)] and § §7(2)(b) over the radio so that he could preserve his cover. However, as the three individuals continued to walk away from Academy Gardens, PO Anthony exited his vehicle so that he was prepared to stop the individuals if necessary. PO Anthony did not recall if PO Cuadra or PO Iglesias exited their vehicles at any point during the interaction. As the three individuals approached the intersection of Lacombe Avenue and St. Lawrence Avenue from the west, uniformed officers from the SNEU team, including Sgt. John Costello and PO Joseph Parchen, both of the 43rd Precinct, pulled up alongside the individuals on either Lacombe Avenue or St. Lawrence Avenue, in an unmarked police vehicle. Although PO Anthony did not recall what assignment the officers were working, he stated that, since the sergeant was present, the officers were most likely assigned to the SNEU team prisoner van. The uniformed officers exited the vehicle and approached the three individuals. After the uniformed officers exited the vehicle, §87(2)(b) turned and began to either walk or run westbound down Lacombe Avenue, toward PO Anthony. When \$87(2)(b) got close enough to hear PO Anthony speak, PO Anthony pulled his shield out so that it hung around his neck and identified himself as a police officer. [307(2)(b) turned and attempted to walk away from PO Anthony, before seeing that PO Parchen was approaching him from the other direction. Seeing that he was trapped, \$87(2)(b) attempted to discard the small objects that he was carrying in his hand, while facing PO Parchen. PO Anthony did not recall how \$27(2)(5) attempted to discard the objects but stated that he either threw them or attempted to ingest them. PO Anthony did not recall ever attempting to remove any item from §87(2)(b) Seeing that §27(2)(b) was attempting to destroy evidence, PO Anthony approached him from behind and pulled his arms behind his back. In response, \$37(2) ripped his arms away from PO Anthony's grasp and flailed them about the sides of his head and abdomen to prevent PO Anthony from grabbing them. PO Anthony grappled with §37(2) for a moment, attempting to grab his arms, before PO Parchen approached \$87(2)(b) from his front side. \$87(2)(b) away from PO Parchen with his legs, causing \$87(2)(6) and PO Anthony to fall to the ground. PO Anthony did not recall how he and \$87(2)(b) fell to the ground, whether either of them struck any body parts against the ground, or whether either of them landed on top of the other.



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During the physical altercation involving \$\frac{87(2)(0)}{2}\$ PO Parchen, and PO Anthony, \$\frac{87(2)(0)}{2}\$ several times on one side of the abdomen, near the rib cage, with the intention of gaining \$\frac{87(2)(0)}{2}\$ s compliance in providing his arms for handcuffing. PO Parchen was unable to recall exactly how many times he struck \$\frac{87(2)(0)}{2}\$ what parts of \$\frac{87(2)(0)}{2}\$ s body he struck, or whether he struck \$\frac{87(2)(0)}{2}\$ with an open or closed fist. PO Parchen stated that he struck \$\frac{87(2)(0)}{2}\$ in order to accelerate the process of handcuffing him, since he had observed him attempting to bite PO Anthony. Although did not become more compliant after PO Parchen struck him, PO Parchen was eventually able to pull \$\frac{87(2)(0)}{2}\$ s arms behind his back and place his wrists in handcuffs.
While he was struggling with \$87(2)(b) PO Parchen observed PO Anthony holding \$87(2)(b) s head down on the ground, presumably to prevent \$87(2)(b) from biting him. PO Parchen and PO Anthony were kneeling, sitting, or lying on the sidewalk as they attempted to arrest \$87(2)(b) Neither PO Parchen nor PO Anthony kicked \$87(2)(b) at any point while he was lying on the ground. PO Parchen did not see any officer grab \$87(2)(b) by the neck or throat or any officer hold \$87(2)(b) down on the ground by applying pressure to his neck or throat.
PO Parchen stated that, although he could not recall the exact sequence of events that transpired after was arrested, he most likely placed 887(2)(5) in the rear of the unmarked police van and transported him to the 43 rd Precinct stationhouse. PO Parchen stated that Sgt. Costello, PO Mercado, and the other individual who was arrested with 887(2)(6) were also transported to the 43 rd Precinct stationhouse in the unmarked van.
Subject Officer: PO MIGUEL IGLESIAS PO Iglesias is a stree-old Hispanic male officer, standing six feet, one inch tall, weighing two hundred pounds, with brown hair and brown eyes. PO Iglesias is a three-year veteran of the NYPD. On February 26, 2009, PO Iglesias' assignment was consistent with that described by PO Anthony. PO Iglesias did not have any entries in his memo book pertaining to the incident involving street.
CCRB Testimony: PO Miguel Iglesias of the 43 rd Precinct was interviewed at the CCRB on February 18, 2010 (encl. 21a-21e). After observing the narcotics transaction, PO Iglesias exited the vehicle and began to surreptitiously follow the three individuals down Lacombe Avenue.
PO Iglesias followed behind the individuals and his vision was obscured when the individuals moved onto St. Lawrence Avenue. When PO Iglesias turned the corner onto St. Lawrence Avenue, he observed PO Parchen, and PO Anthony struggling on the ground. PO Iglesias observed the two officers attempting to pull say(2)(b) are sarms behind his back while say(2)(b) resisted their efforts by attempting to strike them with punches, kicks, and elbows. PO Iglesias observed say(2)(b) attempt to bite PO Anthony's arm on one occasion, although he did not recall where PO Anthony had placed his arm. As soon as he observed the officers struggling with say(2)(b) PO Iglesias approached and grabbed say(2)(b) so body in an attempt to hold him down on the ground so that he could be controlled and handcuffed. All three officers yelled at to, "Stop resisting," but say(2)(b) did not cooperate with their instructions.

Page 10 CCRB Case # 200904585 PO Iglesias struck \$37(2)(b) in an unknown part of his body with one of his elbows, with the intention of compelling \$37(2)(b) to remove some of his body weight from his arm so that the officers could pull it behind his back. PO Iglesias stated that he most likely elbowed \$37(2)(b) in some part of the abdomen. PO Iglesias did not recall if he struck \$37(2)(b) in the head with his elbow. Neither PO Anthony nor PO Parchen struck \$37(2)(b) with any body part or object during the interaction and no officers took out an asp at any point. No officers ever grabbed \$37(2)(b) by the neck or held him down by the neck at any point during the interaction.

Subject Officer: SGT JOHN COSTELLO

Sgt. Costello is a sericio -year-old Caucasian male officer, standing six feet tall, weighing two-hundred-fifteen pounds, with brown hair and blue eyes. He is an eleven-year veteran of the NYPD. On February 26, 2009, Sgt. Costello worked from 7:50 am to 4:47 pm, as the SNEU supervisor in the 43rd Precinct. Sgt. Costello was dressed in uniform, was working with PO Joseph Parchen of the 43rd Precinct, and was assigned to an unmarked grey minivan of unknown make and model, the SNEU team's "prisoner van." Sgt. Costello did not have any entries in his memo book regarding the incident.

CCRB Testimony:

Sgt. John Costello of the 43rd Precinct was interviewed at the CCRB on September 9, 2009 (encl. 17a-17e). Sgt. Costello's statement was consistent with that provided to the CCRB by PO Anthony, with the following inconsistencies and additional information. When Sgt. Costello pulled up alongside the individuals in the prisoner van, \$87(2)(b) began to walk away in an unrecalled direction down either Lacombe Avenue or St. Lawrence Avenue. Sgt. Costello exited the van, approached \$87(2)(b) and instructed them to make their hands visible. While Sgt. Costello approached \$87(2)(b) and \$87(2)(b) PO Parchen exited the van and ran after \$87(2)(b)

and § 87(2)(b) As he approached § 87(2)(b) Sgt. Costello heard a commotion behind him and turned around quickly to see PO Anthony running toward [87(2)(5)] and PO Parchen. Sgt. Costello turned back toward § 87(2)(b) and § 87(2)(b) since he saw that PO and repeated, "Keep your hands where Anthony was assisting PO Parchen in arresting § 87(2)(b) I can see them." When, approximately fifteen to twenty seconds later, Sgt. Costello turned back toward where \(\frac{8}{87(2)(b)} \) was interacting with the officers, he saw that \(\frac{8}{87(2)(b)} \) PO Parchen, and PO Anthony were on the ground on the sidewalk. Sgt. Costello did not observe how the officers and 387(2) struck the ground, nor did any officer inform Sgt. Costello of the circumstances surrounding their transition to the ground after the incident was concluded. Sgt. Costello was only able to describe his observation as "three guys on the ground" and was unable to elaborate upon what actions were being performed by each individual.

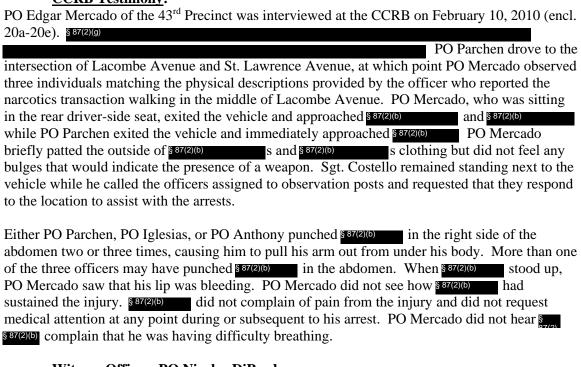
Although PO Nicholas DiPardo of the 43rd Precinct was listed as the arresting officer of the three individuals, Sgt. Costello did not recall his being present at the arrest location. Sgt. Costello stated that, since he did not recall a catch car responding to the location, and since, as the team's arresting officer, PO DiPardo would have been assigned to a catch car, it is unlikely that PO DiPardo was ever present at the arrest location. Sgt. Costello did not recall hearing any officer use profanity at any point during the interaction, nor did he recall using profanity at any point during the incident. Sgt. Costello did not recall whether any of the arrested individuals were strip-searched at the 43rd Precinct stationhouse.

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Witness Officer: PO EDGAR MERCADO

PO Mercado is a serious—year-old Hispanic male officer, standing five feet, nine inches tall, weighing two-hundred-thirty pounds, with black hair and brown eyes. PO Mercado is a four-year veteran of the NYPD. On February 26, 2009, PO Mercado worked from 8:00 am to 4:35 pm and was assigned to the 43rd Precinct SNEU team with Sgt. John Costello and PO Joseph Parchen, both of the 43rd Precinct. PO Mercado stated that himself, Sgt. Costello, and PO Parchen were assigned to either the catch car or the prisoner van for the SNEU team, were dressed in uniform, and were assigned to an unmarked vehicle, which was either a Chevy Impala, a Ford Crown Victoria, or a silver minivan of unknown make and model. PO Parchen was the driver of the vehicle. PO Mercado's memo book did not contain any entries regarding this incident.

CCRB Testimony:



Witness Officer: PO Nicolas DiPardo

PO DiPardo is a sare year-old Hispanic male officer, standing six feet tall, weighing one-hundred-ninety-five pounds, with black hair and brown eyes. He is a nine-year veteran of the NYPD. On February 26, 2009, PO DiPardo worked from 9:30 am until 6:05 pm, on the 43rd Precinct day tour SNEU team. PO DiPardo was assigned to one of two "catch cars" for the SNEU team, responsible for apprehending individuals suspected of engaging in drug transactions. PO DiPardo was in uniform.

Arrest Documentation:

• The arrest reports prepared by PO DiPardo for the arrests of \$87(2)(b) and \$87(2)(b) confirmed that they were both observed exchanging currency for small objects at the time of the incident. The arrest report stated that no physical force was used during the arrest and the physical condition of \$87(2)(b) and \$87(2)(b) was recorded as "apparently normal" (encl. 16c-16d).

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• The property vouchers prepared by PO DiPardo in connection with the arrest of \$87(2)(b) confirmed that currency and \$87(2)(b) so cell phone were vouchered as arrest evidence on the date of the incident (encl. 16e-16f).

PO Nicolas DiPardo of the 43rd Precinct was interviewed on July 28, 2009 (encl. 16a-16h).

CCRB Testimony:

At approximately 1:30 pm on the date of the incident, PO DiPardo was in the 43rd Precinct stationhouse with Sgt. John Costello of the 43rd Precinct, who was also assigned to the day tour SNEU team. Another officer from the SNEU team may also have been assigned to the chase car with PO DiPardo and Sgt. Costello. Officers from the SNEU team called Sgt. Costello on the closed SNEU radio and informed him that they had made an arrest near the intersection of Randall Avenue and Commonwealth Avenue in the Bronx. PO DiPardo and the other officers assigned to the chase car traveled to the location in their motor vehicle, where they saw that three individuals had been placed in handcuffs and were sitting on the sidewalk of Commonwealth Avenue. The individuals appeared to be in normal condition and they had sustained no visible injuries. None of the individuals complained of any injuries or requested medical treatment.

PO DiPardo did not recall which officers were present on the scene when he arrived at the location but stated that they were most likely the officers regularly assigned to the day tour SNEU team. PO DiPardo did not recall what type of police vehicles he observed as present at the location but stated that there may have been one unmarked full-size black Ford van or one unmarked grey minivan with sliding doors on each side. PO DiPardo stated that the vehicles are maintained by the Patrol Borough Bronx command so the turnover for unmarked vehicles in the 43rd Precinct is quite high.

Officers informed PO DiPardo of the reasons for the arrests and explained that they had become involved in a physical altercation with street after he appeared to throw whatever was in his hands either into the bushes or into the sewer. PO DiPardo did not recall any officer ever informing him that street had attempted to swallow anything. Officers eventually placed him in handcuffs.

PO DiPardo transported one of the individuals to the 43rd Precinct stationhouse. Sgt. Costello authorized an officer to strip-search the individuals. PO DiPardo may have been one of the officers who strip-searched the individuals but he could not recall with absolute certainty. By the time the individuals were strip-searched, all of the officers from the SNEU team had arrived back at the stationhouse. PO DiPardo processed the property vouchers for all three individuals who were arrested. None of the individuals requested medical treatment while at the stationhouse.

Medical Records:

- \$87(2)(b) first obtained medical treatment at \$87(2)(b) in the Bronx on was diagnosed with swelling to the right side of his jaw and was released in police custody when no fractures or dislocations were found. During his initial visit to \$87(2)(b) \$87(2)(b) did not complain of pain.
- \$87(2)(b) received a physical exam while incarcerated at the \$87(2)(b) at Riker's Island on \$87(2)(b) The attending physician concluded that \$37(2)(b) was "in no distress," in regards to his physical condition.

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•	received a mental health evaluation from Correctional Health Services while
	incarcerated at the §87(2)(b) on §87(2)(b) . §87(2)(b) was prescribed a
	medical methadone treatment program to address his opioid withdrawal symptoms.
•	§ 87(2)(b) received medical attention at § 87(2)(b) on § 87(2)(b) . § 87(2)(b)
	complained of throat and rib pain but no distress or swelling to his throat or ribs was
	discovered. §87(2)(b) was prescribed Motrin and Percocet for pain.
•	received medical attention at \$87(2)(b) on \$87(2)(b) on \$87(2)(c) on \$87(2)(c) on \$87(2)(c) was diagnosed with slight tenderness to the right side of his rib cage (encl. 22a-22Am).
N'	YPD Document(s) :
•	The 43 rd Precinct command log from February 26, 2009 confirmed that PO DiPardo logged
	the arrests of \$87(2)(b) and \$87(2)(b) into the command log at 1:05 pm on the date of
	the incident. The command log entry noted that \$87(2)(b) was charged with \$87(2)(b)
	while his physical condition was recorded as "apparently
	normal." §87(2)(b) was charged with §87(2)(b) and
	his physical condition was also recorded as "apparently normal." The command log
	confirmed that both individuals were strip-searched at the stationhouse (encl. 23a).
•	The 43 rd Precinct roll call from tour two on February 26, 2009 confirmed that Sgt. Costello,
	PO Anthony, PO Cuadra, PO Iglesias, PO Parchen, and PO Mercado were assigned to the
	tour two SNEU team, as were PO Miguel Santiago and PO Natasha Heron, both of the 43 rd Precinct. No additional information regarding each officer's assignment was noted (encl.
	24a).
•	The 43 rd Precinct daily vehicle assignment sheet from February 26, 2009 did not record
	which vehicles were assigned to the 43 rd Precinct SNEU team on the date of the incident
	(encl. 25a).
•	The 43 rd Precinct prisoner holding pen roster from February 26, 2009 confirmed that
	§ 87(2)(b) and § 87(2)(b) were incarcerated in the 43 rd Precinct holding
	cells from 1:05 pm to 9:10 pm on the date of the incident before being transported to Bronx
	Central Booking (encl. 26a).
Aı	rest for Incident and Disposition:
•	[§ 87(2)(b)] [§§ 86(1)(3)&(4)] [§ 87(2)(c)]
St	atus of Civil Proceedings:
•	§87(2)(b) filed a Notice of Claim with the City of New York on §87(2)(b) , claiming
	police assault and battery, excessive force, false arrest, false imprisonment, and malicious
	prosecution, and seeking five million dollars as redress (encl. 12a-12b).

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Civilian(s) Criminal History:	
[§ 87(2)(b)] [§§ 86(1)(3)&(4)] [§ 87(2)(c)]	
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Civilian(s) CCRB History:	
• This is the first CCRB complaint filed by §87(2)(b)	or §
§ 87(2)(b) (encl. 7a-9a).	

Subject Officer(s) CCRB History:

- PO Anthony has been a member of the service for ten years and there are no substantiated CCRB allegations against him (encl. 2a-2b).
- PO Parchen has been a member of the service for five years and there are no substantiated CCRB allegations against him (encl. 3a).
- PO Iglesias has been a member of the service for three years and there are two substantiated CCRB allegations against him (encl. 4a-4b).
- Sgt. Costello has been a member of the service for eleven years and there are no substantiated CCRB allegations against him (encl. 5a).

Conclusion

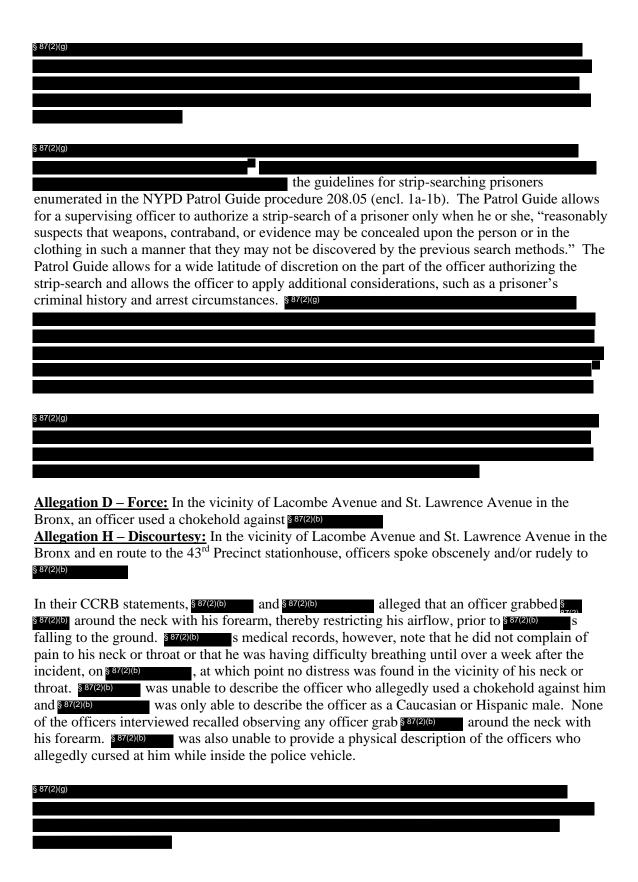
Identification of Subject Officer(s):

- PO Anthony and PO Parchen confirmed that they were the first officers to make physical contact with \$87(2)(b) and confirmed that they went to the ground with \$87(2)(b) in the process of attempting to handcuff him. Their accounts were confirmed by Sgt. Costello, PO Mercado, and PO Iglesias.
- Sgt. Costello, PO Mercado, and PO Iglesias confirmed that PO Iglesias was the officer who assisted PO Anthony and PO Parchen in placing \$87(2)(b) in handcuffs while he was on the ground. PO Parchen and PO Iglesias stated that they both participated in striking \$87(2)(b) while he was on the ground.
- was only able to describe one of the officers who struck him as an African-American male officer. \$87(2)(b) identified the officer who used profanity toward him and \$87(2)(b) and who threatened them with physical force as the only African-

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 American officer present at the arrest location. PO Anthony was the only African-American male officer present at the location. Sgt. Costello was the only supervising officer present for the arrests. As the supervising officer on the scene, Sgt. Costello would have been responsible for obtaining medical treatment for the prisoners if requested and would have been responsible for authorizing the strip-searching of the prisoners. \$87(2)(9)
was unable to provide a physical description of the other officers who allegedly used profanity toward him while inside the police vehicle. S87(2)(b) also stated that he did not see the officer who allegedly obstructed his windpipe.
Investigative Findings and Recommendations:
Allegation A – Force: In the vicinity of Lacombe Avenue and St. Lawrence Avenue in the Bronx, PO Nathaniel Anthony used physical force against \$\frac{87(2)(b)}{2}\$ Allegation B – Force: In the vicinity of Lacombe Avenue and St. Lawrence Avenue in the Bronx, PO Joseph Parchen used physical force against \$\frac{87(2)(b)}{2}\$ Allegation C – Force: In the vicinity of Lacombe Avenue and St. Lawrence Avenue in the Bronx, PO Miguel Iglesias used physical force against \$\frac{87(2)(b)}{2}\$ Allegation I – Abuse of Authority: Inside the 43 rd Precinct stationhouse, Sgt. John Costello authorized the strip-search of \$\frac{87(2)(b)}{2}\$ It is undisputed that PO Parchen and PO Iglesias struck \$\frac{87(2)(b)}{2}\$ while he was lying on the ground. \$\frac{87(2)(b)}{2}\$ s medical records did not contain any indication that he sustained trauma to the head or face as a result of the interaction; furthermore, \$\frac{87(2)(b)}{2}\$ s attending physician at
§ 87(2)(b) on § 87(2)(b) found only minor swelling on the right side of § 87(2)(b) jaw.
§ 87(2)(9)
The NYPD Patrol Guide allows officers to use minimal force to compel the cooperation of an individual refusing to be placed in custody, \$87(2)(9)

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Avenue in the Bronx and inside the 43 rd Precinct stationhouse, Sgt. John Costello refused to provide medical treatment for [37(2)(5)] Allegation F – Abuse of Authority: In the vicinity of Lacombe Avenue and St. Lawrence Avenue in the Bronx, PO Nathaniel Anthony threatened [37(2)(5)] with the use of for	ce.
§ 87(2)(g)	
Allegation G – Abuse of Authority: In the vicinity of Lacombe Avenue and St. Lawrence Avenue in the Bronx, PO Nathaniel Anthony threatened \$87(2)(b) with the use of force Allegation J – Abuse of Authority: Sgt. John Costello authorized the strip-search of \$87(2)	€.
§ 87(2)(g)	
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